MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Even there, if a person is proved to be inefficient, he will not be taken back.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): With reference to answer to part (2) of the question, are the Government aware that qualified applicants belonging to Ezhava and Mahomedan communities are often refused admission on the ground that they are new applicants?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That may be, and it is in accordance with the general principles.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Are the Government aware that even in the case of substantive appointments they are refused on the ground that there are acting men?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The claims of acting men will be considered, if they are efficient.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that when acting vacancies arise, their claims will be considered and that the claims of others will not be considered?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): In all cases of filling up of substantive appointments, the claims of acting men will certainly be considered.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): I would like to know from the Chief Secretary whether the newly qualified people will have any chance if the chances of those acting men are taken into consideration?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The service of acting men who have already got into the service must certainly be considered. As regards the others, they must wait.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Do the Government observe the principle of giving preference to poorly represented communities over others?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That will be considered at the time of making the first appointment.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Am I to understand that even in the case of acting appointments that will be considered?

MR. K .GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): They are considered at the first appointment.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): I am asking the Chief Secretary whether he is aware that, in certain cases, the claims of such communities have been persistently overlooked by certain officers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware. If the member makes a definite statement, I can enquire.

MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): I shall make a definite statement on another occasion.

Opening of a Hospital at Varkala.

86. MR. P. HABEEB MAHOMED (*Nominated*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Government sanctioned the opening of a hospital at Varkala several years ago?

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(2) Is it a fact that it is more than five years since the necessary site for the purpose has been acquired by the Government?

(3) If so, will they be pleased to state why the hospital has not yet been opened?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) No hospital was sanctioned for the place, but a site was acquired with the idea of opening a dispensary there.

(3) The question has been engaging the attention of the Government and they now propose to open a dispensary from the 1st Chingam 1103.

Nagarur-Vamanapuram and Madavur-Kilimanur Traces.

87. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether their attention has been drawn to the present condition of the Nagarur-Vamanapuram and the Madavur-Kilimanur traces in the Chirayinkil taluk; and

(*b*) if so, the present condition of these traces?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) No. In regard to the Madavur-Kilimanur trace, the Government have, on the recommendation of the Chief Engineer, accorded administrative approval to the conversion of this trace into a cart-road at an approximate cost of Rs. 3,300. A sum of Rs. 1,000 has also been included for it in the draft budget for 1103.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Government have any information at present about the condition of the Vamanapuram-Nagarur trace?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No information at present.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): My question includes two traces. One is the Kilimanur-Madavur trace and the other the Vamanapuram-Nagarur trace. The answer given refers to only one of them. So my question is whether the Government have any information about the present condition of the Nagarur-Vamanapuram trace.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer covers that. What the question says is whether the Government's attention has been drawn to it. It does not state by whom. Their attention has not been drawn so far as the second road is concerned.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Government have information as to the condition of the particular trace?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The first part of the answer says that the attention of the Government has not been drawn. In the second part, the Government have stated what action they have taken in the matter.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to call for information about the condition of the Nagarur-Vamanapuram trace?

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